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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 26th February 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 26th February – 4th March 2017 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week 4)

<u>Saturday 25th February: Weekday Feria</u>	<u>PARISH FINANCES</u>	
10:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 10:45 am: Confessions 11:30 am: Baptism; Henry Joseph Weston	18 th / 19 th February 2017	
<u>Saturday 25th February: Eighth Sunday of the Year A</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Ron King RIP	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders:	
<u>Sunday 26th February: Eighth Sunday of the Year A</u> 9:00 am: Mass; David Powell RIP (1st Anniversary)	TOTAL:	
<u>Monday 27th February: Weekday Feria</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Margaret Singleton RIP	Chad: Intercare: SVP:	
<u>Tuesday 28th February: Weekday Feria</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Mike & Julia Wilson RIP	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the Parish.</i>	
<u>Wednesday 1st March: ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls 7:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention (Calladine)	SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND	
<u>Thursday 2nd March: Lenten Feria</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)	CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY Friday 10 th March 2017. This year's fast day focus asks us to remember our neighbours from countries like Zambia where many rural families struggle to survive. We will look at the work of a CAFOD partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, who support the poorest people to start up their own businesses. Envelopes will be available next weekend.	
<u>Friday 3rd March: Lenten Feria</u> 12:30 pm: Confessions 1:00 pm: Mass; Mary Anne Lane RIP 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick: Isobel Alana Barnes, Meg Bailey, Marica Borsos, Pat Constable, David Fox, Alec Groom, Audrey Mc Coy, Fr Joseph O' Hanlon, Ann Harrison, Bernadette Retallick, Mary Staley and John Webster.	
<u>Saturday 4th March: Lenten Feria (First Saturday)</u> 10:00 am: Mass; Special Intention 10:45 am: Confessions		
<u>Saturday 4th March: First Sunday of Lent Year A</u> 5:00 pm: Confessions 5:30 pm: Mass; Josef Granville RIP (Condon)		
<u>Sunday 5th March: First Sunday of Lent Year A</u> 9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish 4:00 pm: Stations of the Cross and Benediction		

ROTAS:	5.30 pm	9.00 am
Welcomers:		M Cookson & S Neely
Next Week:		M Simpson & L Newbold
Readers:	M Cummins	S Grant
Next Week:	M Sully	R Marlow
Offertory:	M Sharp & S Spowage	J Powell & M Calladine
Next Week:	M Brown & S Mills	D & D Wilson
Coffee:	M Calladine & L Wittam	Next Week: J Powell & M Calladine
Cashiers:	J Brennan	Next Week: N Mason
Flowers:	NO FLOWERS (LENT)	Next Week: NO FLOWERS (LENT)
Cleaning:	Team Powell	Next Week: Team Newbold
Brasses:	M Castor	Next Week: K Bennett

SEASON OF LENT: The Season of Lent begins this week and with it we begin preparations for the great Solemnity of Easter when we will celebrate the Paschal Mystery which is at the heart of our Catholic faith; namely the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a time when we are all encouraged to recall our Baptism and do penance and engage in a more rigorous approach in our spiritual life in preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenten Season and is a day for fasting and abstaining from eating meat. For forty days, we are encouraged to prepare to celebrate the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, when we will once again rejoice in the Saving Mystery of our Faith. With this in mind, during the season of Lent we will have the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons when we are encouraged to meditate and reflect upon the Passion, Suffering and Death of Our Lord. **STRENGTH TO STRENGTH:** During Lent, there will be an evening Mass on *Wednesday* evenings at 7:00 pm, followed at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall, by a series of six sessions, over six weeks, of talks on the practical benefits of daily prayer. The talks are designed to be simple and accessible to everyone who wishes to begin a fruitful daily prayer life or refresh and strengthen their existing prayer life. The first session will be on *Wednesday 8th March 2017* at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall and is entitled, “*Pray for the Day.*” They will follow a similar format to our recent RCIA Course on Catholicism, with the opportunity for questions and answers and group discussion.

POOR CLARES: The sisters send their sincere thanks for the gifts they received from our Parish. They were thrilled with all the delicious things you sent. They want you all to know that our Parish is very special to them and that we are remembered in their prayers every day. The next visit is planned for the 27th February 2017. – *Diane Wilson.*

FAIR TRADE SALE: Many thanks to everyone who supported the last Fair Trade Sale, any profit made from the sale goes to Mary’s Meals which is a charity helping to feed Third World school children. Further details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of Church. The next sale will be **THIS WEEKEND 25th and 26th February 2017.** Information about Mary’s Meals can also be found at the website: www.marysmeals.org.uk. – *Diane Wilson.*

PANCAKE EVENING: Shrove Tuesday is **THIS TUESDAY 28th February 2017.** We will be serving pancakes and enjoying a social gathering in the hall at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. We do ask that you buy a ticket so that we can try to estimate the size of the pancake mountain needed! Tickets are £1 and are on sale from this weekend. – *The Social Committee*

“PASTA SOCIAL!”: We are hosting a pasta social night to raise funds for our trip to Lourdes **NEXT Saturday 4th March 2017** from 6:30 pm. Bring along your own drinks and we’ll supply the food! Tickets will be on sale after Mass at the back of Church for £4 each or £15 for a family (up to 2 adults and up to 3 children). We will also be having a raffle drawn on the night, and these tickets will be on sale for £1 a strip or 50p a ticket. Get your tickets fast, we’re hoping it’ll be a popular event for all to enjoy! – *Issie, Maria and Sara.*

FR. CHRISTOPHER’S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION: *Friday 5th May 2017* – Mass 6.30 pm followed by Hog Roast and Social. If you wish to celebrate with Fr. Christopher on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee please put your name down on the list at the back of Church stating how many tickets you would like (please note this event is for parishioners only). The list will be removed on 17th March 2017 and tickets will be issued in due course. – *Organising Committee.*

WOMEN’S REFUGE: The SVP would like to thank everyone who donated babies’ toiletries last week for the Women’s Refuge in Beeston, also the ladies’ coats which will be greatly appreciated. As always, we will remember you all in our prayers. Many many thanks. – *BEESTON SVP*

NOTTINGHAM 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: From *Ash Wednesday, 1st March until Palm Sunday, 9th April 2017,* you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40 – day vigil outside the Treatment Centre at the Queens Medical Centre and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please visit our website 40daysforlife.com/nottingham or contact John Edwards and Alan Horgan 07757815625, johnvedwards56@gmail.com

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: *Friday 3rd March 2017* at Christ Church, Chilwell, NG9 4AS from 10:30 am. “Am I Being Unfair To You;” Praying for the Philippines. All welcome.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.